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<u>NEWS RELEASE</u>

The International Bridge Administration today announced that one-way traffic crossings of the International Bridge at Sault Ste. Marie totaled 214,862 for the month of August, 2003. This figure represents a decrease of 7.11% as compared to August, 2002.

Traffic statistics for the month are as follows:

Vehicle Classification	One-Way Crossings	Percent of Inc/Dec. From 8 /02	Percent of Total Crossings
Full-Fare Passenger Cars:	129,386	-8.3%	60.2%
Commuter Fare:	61,137	-5.4%	28.5%
Car Pulling Trailers	13,554	-3.1%	6.3%
Commercial Trucks:	10,785	-6.1%	5.0%
Totals:	214,862		100%

Traffic for calendar year 2003 has totaled 1,282,470 vehicles; this represents a decrease of 8.91% as compared to 2002. Since the bridge opened in 1962, over 74,500,000 vehicles have crossed the structure.

Sincerely,

International Bridge Administration

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